

Reports Submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

## FIGURES WERE INTERESTING

Showing the Amount of Money Earned, Received and Expended by Treasurer, Clerk, Sheriff, Superintendent and Others.

The reports of the various county officers which were submitted to the members of the board of supervisors Tuesday afternoon and referred to the appropriate committees, contain figures which are interesting. A summary of the reports is given below.

## COUNTY TREASURER

Charles H. Patterson, the retiring county treasurer, reported the following: Earnings for year ending November 30, 1898, \$15,937.26; expenditures including salary and clerk hire, \$2,518; balance turned into county treasury, \$2819.26. During the past four years the surplus earnings paid into the treasury by the county treasurer has been \$10,257.42, an excess over any former similar term of more than \$200. The condition of the county fund is as follows: Balance in treasury December 1, 1898, \$25,236.41; received from all sources during year, \$5,283.75; total receipts, \$98,510.16; balance, November 30, 1898, \$27,359.13.

The balance in the various funds are as follows: Institute fund, \$30.19; county trust fund, \$2284.50; court house bond fund, \$2059.94.

Mr. Patterson in his report mentions the fact that the expenses of the county have been cut down in spite of the fact that the population has increased, and congratulates the members of the board for their good management. He states that in 1899 the last of the registered bond debt of Macon county will be paid and suggests that at the proper time the board appoint a person or persons to compare the records of Macon county in reference thereto, with the records in the state auditor's office and to receive the cancelled bonds and coupons from the state officers. Mr. Patterson in closing his report states that his sole ambition has been to serve the county in an conscientious, accurate and economical a manner as would be required of an employee of a private business firm. He thanks the members for their courtesy and extends to them his wishes for their well being, in view of the fact that it is his last official report to the board.

## CIRCUIT CLERK

The report of D. L. Foster, circuit clerk, shows the following figures for the past half year: Earnings, \$2102.65; receipts, \$170,330. The expenditures were: Clerk hire, \$1710; miscellaneous, \$16.30; clerk's salary for half year, \$400; balance to be paid to treasurer, \$614.

## COUNTY CLERK

J. M. Dodd county clerk, reported as follows for the past half year: Earnings, \$6185.73; total expenditures, \$3103.05; earnings in excess of expenditures, \$3082.68. Total receipts, including amount due from half year ending May 31, 1898, \$7336.03; amount to be paid treasurer, \$1232.97.

## SHERIFF

The report of J. P. Nicholson, the returning sheriff, was as follows for the half year: Earnings, \$2955.02; total cash receipts, \$1092.66; balance to be paid to treasurer, \$802.66.

## SUPERINTENDENT

John G. Keller, county superintendent of schools, submitted his annual and also his quarterly financial reports, which showed the balances on hand in the different funds to be as follows: Institute fund, \$30.19; principal fund, \$5.50; disbursement fund, \$44.

## OVERSEER

J. S. McElholland, overseer of the poor, reported the following expenditures for the past quarter: Provisions, \$150; coal, \$291.46; shoes, \$31; burial expenses, \$56; board and lodging, \$15.50; dry goods, \$3.75; transportation, \$51.18; total, \$1559.89.

## Musical Culture Club

The Musical Culture club will hold the regular meeting at the Woman's club room on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. This is the date for the regular open meeting, but the program which was to have been given on the day of the Crosby lecture will be substituted instead. Misses Montgomery, Snick, Durfee and Bartholomew are on for the musical numbers and Miss Lena Ulrich for the literary number.

## Dunkard Meetings

The Dunkards are holding meetings every night this week in the Gobhart hall. Song service at 7:10 and preaching at 7:30. Elder Menno Stauffer of Mansfield is conducting the services.

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DECATUR, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898.

GEN. WOOD  
PUTS END  
TO A FIGHTSpanish Duels Cannot be  
Kept Up in Cuba.

## WHILE UNCLE SAM'S ON GUARD

Two Sanguinary Editors at Santiago  
Put Under Close Guard at Their  
Homes — Spain's Trade  
Rights Not Special.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 15.—General Wood, military governor of the department of Santiago, stopped a duel last evening that had been arranged between Senor Trujillo, editor of *El Porvenir*, and Senor Colono, editor of *Cuba Libre*.

An article recently appeared in *Independencia* abusing Senor Trujillo, charging him with being a swindler and accusing him of numerous crimes. Trujillo attributed its authorship to Colono and sent the latter a challenge. Colono denied the authorship, but accepted the challenge.

Under the conditions agreed upon the duel was to be fought on San Juan Hill. The contestants were to use six-shooters, beginning at 20 paces and winking toward each other, firing at will. It neither should be injured by the other's six shots the antagonists were to reload and start again.

Chief of Gendarmerie Valiante reported the matter to General Wood, who promptly arrested both men and confined them in their own houses under guard.

## NO SPECIAL FAVORS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Spanish

shipping is not to enjoy preferential treatment in the Cuban and Porto Rican trade under the terms of the peace treaty. Something of that nature may be brought about in future negotiations between the United States and Spain as part of the project for the restoration of commercial relations, but so far it has not been provided for, although the Spanish commissioners made a special request that the privilege should be accorded.

The text of the treaty has not been received at the department of state. The document is so long that the expense of enabling it to be read would be very great and would not be warranted in view of the fact that the government already possesses a sufficiently accurate outline of the articles.

The American commissioners are expected to sail Saturday, which will bring them to their homes by Christmas. They will bring the treaty with them, and it is believed that the document will not be published before it is delivered to the department of state, notwithstanding the Madrid intimation that it is to be printed as a red book.

## MATTIAS CAUGHT

Identification of the Murderer of Wall at Spokane, Wash.

SPOKANE, WASH., Dec. 15.—It now seems certain that Fred Wood, the prisoner held here on a double charge of burglary and highway robbery, and Otto Mattias, the alleged murderer of H. W. Wall of Staunton, Ill., are one and the same person. C. Wernigron of Thiel's detective agency arrived here from St. Louis and after visiting the prisoner in his cell he identified him as the alleged murderer. Gemmrig and Stanfor, of the Merchants' Police Agency, who captured Wood in the act of committing burglary, shadowed him for two weeks before his arrest, suspecting him of being the fugitive murderer, but hesitated about arresting him on so serious a charge before securing additional proof of his identification. The prisoner evidently realizes his dangerous position, for after consulting with an attorney he came out with a confession that he was guilty of the

charge of burglary for which he is in custody. Under an arrangement with this attorney, Wood, or Mattias, will try and break into the penitentiary at Walla Walla in order to escape being taken back to Staunton. He declares positively that he will not go back to Illinois.

Yesterday a son of ex-Senator Wall left Staunton for Spokane to complete the identification.

## A GERMAN COUNT

A Friend of America—Declares Against Sentimental Sympathy for Spain.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—In the Reichstag the debate on the budget was continued. Count von Kardorff, leader of the Free Conservatives, condemned "sentimental German sympathy with Spain," and welcomed the appearance of the "great and vigorous American nation" among the colonizing powers. He said he hoped that, in accordance with Bismarck's principle, commercial questions would be kept separate from political relations, for if this were done, Germany could be on very good terms with the United States.

Baron von Theilman, imperial secretary of the treasury, denied that Cuba could possibly, in the near future, supply the whole American sugar market. America, he said, required 2,000,000 tons annually. Cuba, before the revolution, had supplied about 1,000,000 tons, but the supply had dwindled away to 250,000 tons since the war, and it would take a long time to restore the devastated plantations.

STATE GRANGE  
RESOLUTIONS

Declarations of the Patrons of Husbandry at Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Dec. 15.—The State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, today passed the following resolutions: Advocating the state furnishing free text books to the pupils of the public schools, the same to be made by convict labor; demanding the enforcement of the bulletin law; condemning the state board of agriculture for permitting alleged immoral shows at the state fair; advocating the law prohibiting the killing of quail for five years, and restricting the hunting season to between November 1st and December 1st, and advocating the payment of bounties the year around for killing English sparrows.

CARTER MARTIN.

"Little sympathy is expressed for young Martin. He is fairly well educated and his intelligence is beyond the average. His crime grew out of an attempt at robbery. He and a companion named Gillean tried to hold up a farmer named Buser on Western avenue at Mattoon. Buser resisted the attack and attempted to dash away from the highwayman. Martin shot him three times in the back, inflicting mortal wounds. Gillean turned state's evidence and was acquitted. Martin takes the matter as a huge joke. He is absolutely hardened to his fate. His aged parents reside at Mattoon. They are heart broken over the awful crime of their son. His execution will be the most horrible blow that can befall them. For their sake the hanging is looked upon with abhorrence.

DICK COLLIER.

"Arrangements are almost completed for the execution of Dick Collier. The trap and other machinery of the Sangamon county gallows was brought from Springfield Monday, and a force of men at once commenced the work of setting it up. It will stand in the northeast corner of the jail corridor. Major Peaster, who planned and constructed the scaffold, has charge of its placement. It is of an improved pattern, and was used in the execution of Murderer Mingle in Springfield last winter. It will be tested today. The cord which will be used in the testing operation is the one with which Mingle was hanged.

"The rope which will be used in Collier's execution was purchased from a St. Louis firm through W. L. Saffell & Co. It is three-fourths of an inch in diameter and is made of the best quality of hemp. It has stood a test of 2000 pounds.

A PATHETIC SCENE.

"The most pathetic scene which has ever occurred in the Urbana jail was enacted Monday, when the relatives of the condemned man paid him what they believed was a last visit. His mother, two grown sisters, Mrs. Tracy of Homer and Elmina Collier of Cutlum, and his two smaller brothers, accompanied by the six children of Mrs. Tracy, visited him in the afternoon and spent some time in conversation

## ON THE GALLOWS.

Three Men Will Die on Friday—Outline of the Three Murders.

There will be three legal executions in the 15th congressional district tomorrow and each condemned man is waiting for the final moment when the trap will be sprung. The cases are reviewed by the Urbana Herald. It says:

## HANGMAN'S DAY.

"Next Friday will go down in the history of Central Illinois as 'Hangman's Day.' And the term is appropriate, for three legal executions will take place on that date. At Danville, 30 miles east of Urbana, Thomas Pinney, alias John Johnson, will suffer the death penalty for the murder of Ballard Johnson last May at Grape Creek. Carter Martin will be hanged at Charleston, Coles county, 40 miles southeast of here, for shooting Farmer Buser at Mattoon last October during the street fair. And in our own town Richard Collier will die for the murder of Charles Freebryant near Sidney, September 3.

"No attempt has been made to save Pinney or Martin from paying the penalty of their crimes. The case against each man was strong and the justice of the sentences is nowhere questioned.

## THE NEGRO.

"Pinney is a negro and is rather a handsome fellow. He is 27 years old and is a native of Virginia. Although unable to read or write he is very intelligent and has all of the politeness of the anti-bellum negro. His case excited more pity than those of either Martin or Collier. He says that he and Johnson had quarreled about a woman and that Johnson had threatened to shoot him on sight. On the night of the killing they met at a dance and Johnson put his hand on his hip as if to draw a revolver. Pinney pulled his own gun and shot his enemy dead. Before the case came to trial the witnesses for Pinney had been released. He was tried for his life and was found guilty. He was sentenced to death and has succeeded in making him realize the gravity of his position. Pinney prays for conversion, but in his heart he feels he is a lost man.

"Since his conversion Collier has stopped swearing, a habit to which he was much addicted when first incarcerated. When an oath is spoken in his presence he rebukes the offender severely. He expresses firm faith in his salvation and prays earnestly. The visits of the various ministers who come daily to offer him consolation, cheer him greatly. After they leave he sings and whistles for hours.

"Whatever the force that sustains him, the jailors are confident it will not depart when the supreme moment arrives. They assert that he will walk to his doom with nerves unshaken."

POLICEMAN  
AND A NEGRO

Engage in a Bloody Midnight Duel in the City of Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 15.—Police

man Henry Keemer and William Neal, the latter a negro, engaged in a duel with clubs and revolvers at 12:30 o'clock this morning within half a block of the public square. Neal has just been taken to his home with a frightful wound in the head and it is believed that he has been fatally injured. Keemer ran, and it is not known whether he has been seriously hurt. No one knows what started the fight.

Related pedestrians were attracted by the noise of clashing clubs and the smothered curses of men in mortal combat. Just as they arrived Keemer dealt Neal a terrific blow over the head that felled him. As he fell the negro commenced shooting, and there was a perfect fusilade of shots. Neal staggered up and tried to get at his antagonist, firing as he advanced until he again fell from loss of blood. By this time a large crowd had collected and Keemer ran south, leaving a bloody trail along the sidewalk.

OUR INTERESTS  
IN GERMANY

American Imports  
Outstripping Those of  
Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In

his report to the state department Commercial Agent Stern, at Hamburg, predicts that the United States will soon surpass England in the value of exports of machinery to Germany. The

present year shows a falling off in the case of England, while the imports of American machinery show an increase of 75 per cent over last year's figures. In '95 importation by the United States of these goods into Germany did not amount to a sixth part of the amount of the English imports, while today they equal 60 per cent of the latter.

## EXTRA SESSION IN KANSAS.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, Dec. 15.—Governor Leedy has called an extra session of the Kansas legislature to meet on December 21, to enact legislation for the regulation of railroad charges.

## NOTICE BY THE WABASH.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The Wabash railroad has given notice to the Western Passenger association of its intention to withdraw from that organization on the 15th of next month, on the ground that as the Chicago and Alton is not a member of the association it is incomplete and should either be re-organized or abandoned.

## THE DAMAGE SUIT

Of Merritt vs Wheeler is Still on Trial.

## DEFENDANT ON THE STAND

Denied the Charges of Having Been the Author of the Documents — Case Will Close To-Morrow.

The case of Merritt vs. Wheeler, which has been on trial in the circuit court, will come to a close probably some time tomorrow. Today the attorneys for the defense were introducing testimony.

The most interesting evidence was that given by the defendant, James A. Wheeler. When on the stand he testified that he was born in Long Creek township and had lived there for the past 52 years. He was shown the letters which it is alleged that he wrote and he stated that he did not write the letters, did not know that they were written until he was told about it and had nothing to do with the writing of the letters. He also said that he was accused by Goodpasture of having written the letter which was found. He said Goodpasture had the letter in his possession and he was told by the witness that he should give the letter to Mrs. Merritt, to whom it belonged. Mr. Wheeler

stated that he did not tell Goodpasture he would pay him to not deliver the letter, but Goodpasture tried to extort money from him on the ground that he had written the letter and would be willing to pay rather than be prosecuted.

## DOCTORS IN DECATUR.

Annual Meeting of the Central Illinois Homeopathic Society.

The seventh annual session of the Central Illinois Homeopathic Medical society convened in the city council rooms at 11 o'clock this forenoon. Vice President Dr. Estep of Lexington, Dr. Chapman of Bloomington, Dr. Harriet Taylor of Springfield and Dr. McIntyre of Marion City. Owing to this being the busy season of the year only a few members were present, but an interesting meeting was enjoyed. The organization adjourned to meet in Bloomington in March next.

## GONE SOUTH.

Eleven in the Orlando Powers Party to Palm Beach, Florida.

This afternoon the Orlando Powers party in a special Pullman coach left on the Illinois Central road to Palm Beach, Florida, where they will remain until spring, occupying their own cottage. They go by way of St. Louis and will reach Palm Beach at 8:30 Saturday night. There are 11 members of the party.

At the Floyd Alley.

The Amateurs vs. Dewey game will be played Saturday night at 8:30 at the Floyd Alley instead of the Duke Alley as was the original intention. The members of each team have been making some pretty fair scores and an interesting game is anticipated.

## PEACE JUBILEE PARADE

At Atlanta To-Day—Ovation to the President.

## BRILLIANT SHOW ON STREETS

Civic and Military Organizations in the Long Procession in the Southern City—A Great Throng of Visitors in Georgia Capital.

# SECOND GREAT SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT

## Heard Again by Shouting Southerners at Atlanta Peace Jubilee.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 15.—At Piedmont park this afternoon President McKinley delivered an address in which he said in part: "Under one flag, on a hostile foreign soil, fighting in a common cause, the memory of the old disagreement fell into history. From the camp and campaign come the magic healing which has closed the ancient wounds and effaced their scars. For this result every American patriot will forever rejoice. It is no small indemnity for the cost of the war. This government proved itself invincible in the recent war, and out of it has come a nation which will remain invincible forevermore. No worthy contributions have been made in patriotism and men than by the people of these southern states, intrusted to able leadership men dear to them, who had marched with their fathers under another flag, now fighting under the old flag again. They gloriously helped to defend its spotless folds and added new lustre to its shining stars. That flag has been planted in two hemispheres and there it remains a symbol of liberty and law, peace and progress. Who will withdraw it from people over whom it floats in protecting folds? Who will haul it down? We could have avoided all difficulties that lie across the pathway of the nation a few months ago, if we had coldly ignored the piteous appeal of the starving and oppressed inhabitants of Cuba; if we had blundered ourselves to the conditions so near our shores and turned a deaf ear to the suffering of our neighbors. The issue of territorial expansion in the Antilles and West Indies would not have been raised, but could we have justified our course? Is there anyone who would now declare another to have been the better course? With less humanity

### DOCTOR DINGES

Elected County Physician for Coming Year.

### CLOSE VOTE BY SUPERVISORS

Routine Business To-Day—Considerable Caucusing on Candidates for Election—Contest for Poor Farm Steward.

At the meeting of the board of supervisors this afternoon Dr. Edwin K. Dinges was elected county physician. He received 18 votes and Dr. Wilhelmy received 12 votes. It was a tight race but Dinges won on the first ballot.

Dr. Dinges, who will on March 1, 1894, assume the duties of county physician, is the son of J. B. Dinges and is well known in Decatur, having lived here all his life. Although young both in age and as a physician, he is well qualified to fill the position, having received a thorough medical and surgical education at the Northwestern University Medical College at Chicago, from which institution he graduated with honors in the class of '93. Dr. Dinges is also a graduate of the Decatur High school. The election for poor farm necessitated many ballots being taken, and was not settled today.

#### COUNTY PHYSICIAN.

The election of the county physician was first taken up. There were three candidates, Dr. Arthur F. Wilhelmy, who has held the office for the past year, Dr. Edwin K. Dinges and Dr. Henry A. Gaskill.

The balloting resulted as follows:

Informal ballot—Dinges 13, Wilhelmy 9, Gaskill 1.

First ballot—Dinges 12, Wilhelmy 11.

#### STEWARD OF POOR FARM.

The election of steward of the poor farm was next taken up. There were 15 candidates as follows: V. H. Cox, T. F. Bilby, W. A. Price, John R. Dougherty, W. H. Kirkman, J. P. Sitos, Ed S. Gray, W. S. Garver, L. C. Hall, W. H. Tolson, M. J. Wallace, C. E. Lindsay, J. Butt, S. M. Holmes, George Long.

After the tenth ballot Supervisor Hockaday moved that the board adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, but the motion was lost, as were several motions to take a recess. After the eleventh ballot Supervisor Hockaday presented the name of another candidate, J. L. Cruthers.

After the twelfth ballot a recess of ten minutes was taken at which time the vote stood as follows: Kirkman 9, Cox 7, Holmes 4, Cruthers 2, Bilby and Garver one each.

The fourteenth ballot after the recess stood as follows: Cox, 7; Kirkman, 9; Garver 1; Holmes, 5; blank vote, 1.

An adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

#### OTHER BUSINESS.

The fees and salary committee recommended that the salary of steward of the poor farm be \$100 per year and that of county physician \$600 per year. The fees and salaries committee reported that the reports of Circuit Clerk D. L. Foster and Sheriff J. P. Nicholson had been examined and the same found to be in good form.

The question as to the treatment of the inmates of the Anna B. Millikin home by the county physician was discussed.

It was decided that the physician should treat all county charges and charity patients at the home.

#### FORENOON SESSION.

A great part of the forenoon session of the board was taken up with the hearing of reports. All members were present excepting Supervisors Bean, Gorn, Hockaday and Kipp.

The printing committee reported recommending the payment of bills amounting to \$154.62, the same being approved.

The public building committee recommended the payment of bills amounting to \$1000.92 all of which were allowed.

The fees and salaries committee reported that the claim of John G. Keller had been examined and found correct and payment was recommended. The same committee recommended the approval of the bonds of the county officers. The above were approved.

The clerk was instructed to draw an order on the treasurer for \$4 in favor of John Allen for postage, stationery, etc.

The public building committee was instructed to have electric lights in the court house so arranged that it would not be necessary to turn on all the lights when one light was needed.

The committee on miscellaneous claims recommended the payment of a large number of claims which were allowed. The forenoon session then adjourned.

#### Abscess Removed.

Dr. Will Barnes, Dr. S. E. McClelland and Dr. W. C. Bowers on Wednesday afternoon drilled through the mastoid bone of the head in order to drain an abscess which had formed in the ear of Frank Richards of Moweaqua. The pus had formed in the mastoid cells and an operation was necessary to relieve Mr. Richards of the pain. The operation was performed at St. Mary's hospital. The patient is doing well.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing, is requested to call on H. W. Bell, N. L. Krome or W. H. Hubbard and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

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Men's fine \$10.00 and \$12.00 suits your choice for.....\$8.75

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Illinois: Generally fair with rising temperature tonight and Friday; southerly winds.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c.

Arnold's Bromo-Catery euro head aches, 10, 25, 50cts. Bell, the druggist.

Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on any goods. Collateral, best rates, much 22-12.

You pay a little more for the clothes that Denz makes but—

Order Turkey for Christmas at the Royal Market.—12-dwt

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Why send your money out of town when we take your subscriptions at publishers' prices.

L. CHODAT'S NEWS HOUSE

Miss Mattie Snyder, daughter of V. Snyder, Jr., and William K. Andrews of Hinsdale, will be married at the Methodist church at Moweaqua on the evening of December 28.

Itching pills? Never mind if physicians have failed to cure you. Try Doan's Ointment. No failure there. 50 cents at any drug store.

Tonight the regular meeting of Couer de Leon Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will be held. Then will be work in the Rank of Knight. It is possible that in January there will be a joint installation of the officers of No. 17, and of Myrtle Temple, Rathbone Sisters. The proposition is under consideration.

Five Per Cent Money.

We have on hand a special fund to loan on first class real estate security at 5 per cent interest. Call at once. Peddecoff, Burrows & Co.—\$1-dwt

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Cataract that cannot be cured by Hall's Cataract Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & Co., Proprietary, Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials from Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Oyster Supper.

The members of the Retail Grocers' Association will give an oyster supper this evening at the St. Nicholas hotel. They will meet at 8 o'clock at their hall, No. 157 East Main street and will proceed in a body to the hotel, where the supper will be served at 9 o'clock.

Appeared as Witness.

George Long arrived home last night from Springfield, where he went to testify in the case against three of the bums who were arrested at Warrensburg and brought to this city. They were charged with having robbed a store at Dawson, Ill.

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## THE WEATHER.

## OIL ON COUNTRY ROADS.

Remarkable Results of Experiments Made With Crude Product in Iowa.

Major M. Meigs, a civil engineer of Keokuk, Iowa, made a short address at the session of the Missouri Good Roads association, which in the opinion of many was the most interesting part of the day's work. He opened a new field of investigation and proposed experiments in securing good roads along a line practically unknown outside of a few localities in the east. It is his opinion that the use of crude oil may prove a panacea for bad roads in localities where road material is hard to obtain.

He said his attention was first directed to using oil on the highways by reading a newspaper clipping from a Pennsylvania town. It seems that a leaky oil pipe near the town in question was responsible for the discovery. The pipe was near a place in the road that was invariably impassable during the season of spring and fall rains. When the leak occurred in the pipe the ground became saturated to some extent with oil, and very soon it was noticed that the mud dried up and the surface of the earth became hard and remained so. It appears that so notorious was this piece of bad road that the effect of the oil on it became a matter of so much comment that presently the experiment was repeated in other localities, and with the same effect.

Major Meigs said that he sent a letter to the officials of the Standard Oil company and asked them to furnish him some crude oil for experimental purposes. They forwarded a tank containing 180 barrels, with their compliments and wishes for success. Some eight barrels of this oil have been used on a notoriously muddy road near Keokuk with most satisfactory results.

Major Meigs said that it was no trouble anywhere to keep dry roads in good condition at minimum expense. Oil will prevent the earth from becoming wet by forming a waterproof crust. So far as he has carried on experiments, a barrel of crude oil is sufficient for a strip of road 100 feet long and 12 feet wide. The cost of the oil at the wells is about 90 cents a barrel. No other material, he said, is so cheap, and no other will prove so effective. In conclusion he said that he would send oil free to all wishing to make experiments if they would pay the freight.—St. Louis Republic.

## MODERN WOODMEN

### Elect Officers for the ensuing Term

#### County Delegates.

Easterly Camp, No. 1626, M. W. of A., elected officers as follows:

V. G. H. Ruthrauff.

W. A. —William Scully

Banker—T. J. Osborne.

Clerk—H. W. Richards.

Assistant Clerk—D. F. Hostetler.

Escort—E. E. Potter.

Watchman—Robert Burns.

Sentry—G. W. Portwood.

Delegates to County Convention, January 10.—W. H. Black, T. J. Osborne, H. Ruthrauff, W. F. Gehhart, W. B. Prescott, F. B. Easterly, J. H. Kingsley, O. W. Smith, H. W. Richards.

#### DECATOR CAMP.

V. G. —L. H. Martin.

W. A. —H. B. Wise.

Banker—H. J. Votaw.

Clerk—Guy P. Lewis.

Escort—J. M. Miller.

Watchman—Amos Glatfelter.

Sentry—O. Bunge.

Manager—Bad Florey.

Physicians—Drs. A. L. Collins and L. H. Clark.

Delegates to County Convention, January 10—Albert Leech, H. J. Votaw, Bad Florey, J. B. Fritz, Guy P. Lewis and J. M. Miller.

## DECATOR MARKETS.

The following are the Decatur quotations for Thursday, December 15:

Grain—Shelhaborger Mill and Elevator company pay the following: Wheat 65 cents per bushel; white and yellow corn 26 cents, white oats 25 cents; mixed oats 22 cents; rye 40 cents; new corn 25 cents.

Live Stock—Dausen and Sons quote the following: Cows and heifers \$2.75 to \$4.75, steers \$3.50 to \$4.25, sheep \$3 to \$3.60, hogs \$8 to \$10.

Poultry—Quotations by Max Atlas: Hens 5 cents per pound, spring 5 cents, ducks 4 cents, geese 4 cents, roosters 3 cents, old toms 6 cents, hen turkeys 3 1/2 cents, gobblers, 7 1/2 cents.

Eggs—Receipts light 18 1/2 cents per dozen.

Hides and Tallow—Quotations by Max Atlas: Hides 7 1/2 cents per pound, tallow 3 cents per pound.

Fay—New timothy hay sells for \$5 per ton.

#### Revival Closed.

The protracted meetings which have been conducted by Rev. S. H. Bowyer at the First Baptist church during the past two weeks closed last evening with one of the most interesting meetings of the series. The house was crowded and the farewell services were marked with much evidence of the awakened spirituality in the church. Fifteen new members left this morning for their home at Winchester, Ill., and later will go to Chicago to assist in revival services.

The services at the First Presbyterian church will begin promptly at 7:30 this evening in order that all may be able to attend the Y. M. C. A. concert which begins at 8:30.

## AMONG THE POOR

Overseer Has Many Calls for Coal.

## PLAN OF NEEDLEWORK GUILD

Will be to Distribute Clothing by Giving It to the Heads of Charitable Organizations.

The cold weather brings to Overseer of the Poor McClelland a good many calls for help. There are in the city about 75 families who regularly draw provisions and coal from the county and there are probably 30 or 40 families who come to the overseer only occasionally. Within the past few days there have been a large number of applications for coal and the overseer has given out quite a number of orders. There are really no families in the city who absolutely suffer from want as they have all been reported to the overseer and investigation made and their wants supplied. There are some who are known to be unworthy and try to impose on the county but all the cases are investigated and those who do not need help are not given it.

### NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The members of the Needlework Guild are gathering clothing to give to the poor of the city. On Wednesday the headquarters in the vacant store room on South Park street were opened and about 250 garments were collected. Last year the members themselves distributed the clothing when the poor applied at the headquarters, but this winter an entirely different plan was adopted. The headquarters will be open on Wednesday afternoons and on that day the clothing will be given out to the heads of charitable organizations and principals of schools, by them to be given out and by them distributed among the people who are known to be in need. By this plan confusion will be avoided and the clothing better distributed than if the applicants were allowed to call at the headquarters.

In the latter part of January the Guild will present the play, "She Stoops to Conquer." Those who are to take part in the entertainment will meet at the home of Miss Lena Ulrich next Monday night.

## PERSONAL.

Willie Ball, who has been attending a medical school in St. Louis is at home for the holidays.

Miss Ella Heath of Sullivan is visiting Mrs. W. R. Scruggs of 260 Prairie avenue.

Mr. William Ritchie of Warrensburg, Mrs. George Davidson of Prairie Hall and Mrs. John Ford and daughter of Vaseline were in the city today.

Orlando Powers and Charles Powers and families will leave this afternoon for Palm Beach, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

Cecil Jack will return from Ann Arbor on Christmas eve to spend the holidays with his parents.

Harry Midkiff is suffering from the effects of a large carbuncle on the back of his neck.

Rev. J. H. Waterbury of Cerro Gordo, visited Decatur yesterday on a visit.

Manager Given has returned from Columbus, Ohio, where he visited his mother for a day.

Miss Blanche E. Wilcox of Amboy, Ill., is visiting Mrs. C. H. Leon, 817 West Decatur street.

George L. Wade of Lexington, Mo., is visiting with C. H. Leon.

Bert Park returned last night from a stay of 10 days in Chicago, where he transacted business.

C. T. Johnson has returned from Chicago.

Mamie, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shively of East Division street, who has been seriously ill of typhoid pneumonia, is better.

Miss Flora Downing has resigned her position as bookkeeper for the Akers & Wilson furniture company on North Main street and accepted a position as saleslady at the Gushard Dry Goods house.

Architect R. G. Rosen has completed the plans for remodeling the residence of Mail Carrier Warren Seivers on South Broadway. The improvements will include a new bath room, bed room, pantry, roof and attic. A furnace will also be added.

Madit and McMoran have marked off and plowed a large field of ice near the bridge and as soon as the temperature goes down lower they will be ready to harvest.

The skating on the river is good and every day and night there are a large number on the ice. The skaters are now allowed on the part of the river where the ice is marked and where the dealers expect to cut.

## THE STAGE.



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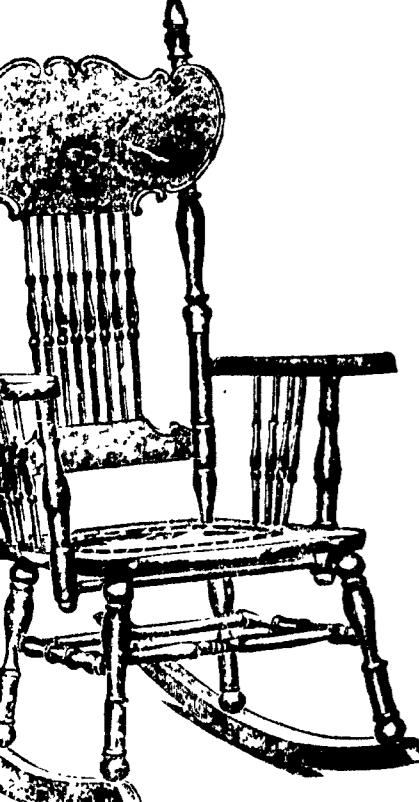
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Attraction: AN THOMPSON'S  
Character Drama  
J. C. LEWIS,  
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BIG COMEDY COMPANY

In the Rural Farce Comedy.

SI PLUNKARD

Entirely Re-written  
New Dialogue, New Situations  
New Scenery and Mechanical Effects

SEE The Great R. R. Scene.  
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The County Fair Scene.  
etc.

LOOK OUT! For "Si" and his Comedy Band  
Parade. For the Funniest Street Parade  
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PRICES—15c, 25c and 35c. Parquet,  
50c.

Reserved Seats on Sale the Open House  
Store Thursday, Dec. 18.

This is a  
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Big Business...

Large lines of Fur Collar, 10c from one of the largest fur houses in this country with orders to sell, furs from \$4.50 to \$15 each—furs, men more than half price. Fox, Seal, Wool Seal, Astrakhan, French Seal and Astrakhan, Scotch Seal and Hammer, Etc., all go at manufacturer's cost.

HOLIDAY DRESS GOODS we show handsome pieces, Union and All Wool. Also a great many very choice items in all the staple styles, and good many novelty styles that we will sell at a great reduction from ordinary close price. You can scarcely afford to miss Bargains like the following:

Brooches at 75c, worth \$1. Clo. of Suitings at 25, 35, 45c, worth up to \$5, \$5, 75c and 90c.

Large lines at 10, 15, 20, 25 and 35c—were from 15 to 50c.

The best and cheapest lines of Drapery in the town at 35c, 45c, 5, 8, 10 and 12.5c.

Also Broken Lines of White Goods—some very desirable drives, as the goods go at half the usual price.

We have a good stock of the celebrated Kalamazoo Skirts, the genuine satinette and twilled Clay cloth, at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50—as handsome as silk and four times as durable.

Our MILLINERY STOCK is still quite complete. A great many very handsomely trimmed and ready-to-wear Hats, at 50 and 75 cents on the dollar to close. Will also cut prices on all orders the balance of the season. Miss Anna McDonald's personal attention in this department.

We beg to state most emphatically that we must have money and will name prices that cannot be found elsewhere. Come and make selections and we will more than meet your views on prices.

S. G. HATCH BRO.  
J. W. RACE, Assignee.



"Just Splendid."

We doubt whether there is any one little thing more pleasant and pleasant than to have pleasure in finding a glint that will give a new vision after their eyes once begin to fail, something that will "make them see" better than ever. Those on the market of glasses and lenses and internally "crown" glasses tell us if we can't find a combination that will restore lost vision.

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Sold by A. J. Blaine, 239 North Water  
St., Decatur, Ill.

NOTICE—A Jersey cow, three years old, is  
missing, strayed away from 137 West Wood  
street, on December 14. Information to be left at  
the recovery of the cow, should be left at the  
above number. J. J. COACHE.

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DUSKY NEW WOMEN.  
Females of an Arab Tribe Who Go  
Unveiled While Their Men  
Cover Their Faces.

Many an Arab lady never leaves her house from the time she is married until she is carried out to be buried, says Pearson's Weekly. A woman of the middle class is allowed more liberty, and occasionally goes out for walks, accompanied as a rule by a servant. The poor creature is enveloped in masses of white drapery, which make her look like a walking bundle, and in front of her face she arranges a large black scarf embroidered with blue, red and white flowers. It falls low in front, and, even by holding up the ends, she cannot see more than a foot or two of the road before her. I often wonder that she does not get run over when she goes out alone, for I am sure she needs a dog to guide her quite as much as any blind man. Servants and other women of the lower classes wear pieces of black crepe wound tightly round their faces, leaving just a slit for their eyes to peep through, and they are equally muffled up in white draperies. Seen from a distance, they might be men with masks or thick black beards, as in Arab countries it is by no means easy to tell a man from a woman at first sight. The older and uglier a woman is the more prudish she seems to be about covering up her face, which, after all, is rather considerate on her part. Even the greater number of negroes wear the yashmak, but the Bedouin women never do. Indeed, I am told that in the interior there is one Arab tribe whose men wear veils, and whose women go about with their faces uncovered. These are probably the "new women" of Africa.

A BOY HERO.

The Pittsburgh Youth Who Fought  
at Manila and Met Ad-  
miral Dewey.

One of the heroes of the battle of Manila is a 13-year-old boy, who is popularly called "Boots" by his comrades. "Boots" lately returned on the transport City of Manila, and has had the distinction of having had a personal interview with Admiral Dewey, who gave him a free trip to Hong-Kong on the Olympia because of his services in the siege of Malate and the fight before Manila. He is the boy who came from Pittsburgh with the regiment. The men snatched him aboard the transport, but he had hard luck, as he fell down the hatchway on the third day out and broke his arm. He was all right when Manila was reached, and in the trenches before Malate he carried water and ammunition and paid no attention to the bullets. As he said: "There was no chance to dodge 'em, they came so quick." He was among the first to enter Manila with a captured Spanish rifle, which he brings back with him. On August 13 he learned that the Olympia was to go to Hong-Kong, so he determined to make the trip. He boarded the ship and asked to be shown to the admiral's cabin. Dewey was sitting at a table with the captain of the ship.

"Boots" said: "I salutes and says: 'Admiral, I want to go to Hong-Kong,' and he says, pleasant like: 'Well, my boy, you come aboard and we'll take you on.' He was 13 days on the Olympia. When he got back to Manila Col. Hawkins feared that he might catch the fever, so he sent the boy to New York on the transport.

FORMOSAN CITY ABANDONED.

Residents of Plague-Stricken Teck-  
ham Are Compelled to  
Leave It.

The Japanese government has ordered the destruction of the city of Teckham, Formosa, and the removal of all its inhabitants to a new location. The city is situated on the northwest coast of the island, and has been frequently subjected to pestilence. In 1898 and 1897 plagues visited Teckham with enormous fatality. This fact being called to the attention of the government, an investigation was ordered by sanitary experts, who reported that the city was built upon a swamp, whereupon an order was issued to the governor to select a new location as convenient to the old as possible, where the natural conditions were healthful. A new city was laid out, and each property holder in the old one was assigned a site that corresponded in area with the one he occupied at Teckham and was given 12 months to move his buildings and belongings. Sewers, railroads and sidewalks, public buildings, water works and all other public improvements were laid out by the government in the new city without expense to the people, but they were required to pay the cost of the removal of their own property. Most of the houses and other buildings in Teckham are built of very light wooden material.

First Weather Prophecy on Record.

The first attempt at scientific forecasting of the weather was the result of a storm which during the Crimean war, November 14, 1854, almost destroyed the fleets of France and England. As a storm had raged several days earlier in France, Vaillant, the French minister of war, directed that investigations be made to see if the two storms were the same, and if the progress of the disturbances could have been foretold. It was demonstrated that the two were in reality one storm and that its path could have been ascertained and the fleet forewarned in ample time to reach safety.

Conjurer Brought to Book.

Mr. Muskelyne, the London conjurer, has been compelled by the courts to make good his offer of \$500 to anyone who could imitate his box trick. He had made the offer with impunity for years, but when two young clerks took it up, refused to pay.

For Moxiness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tiar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

For Kidney Troubles.

There is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure, everyone who tries it will agree to this. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

If told to go soak your head the pawn broker probably wouldn't give you much on it.

If a man sits on a bent pin he is apt

MOSES AS A SCHOOLEBOY.  
Methods of Instruction of Egypt  
Youth at the Time of the  
Pharaohs.

Modern research and scholarship, especially the strides that have been made in deciphering the inscriptions of the monuments, point to a system of instruction, even in the time of Moses, which surpasses us. Indeed, we could not believe it possible, were the proof not overwhelming; and when we speak of lads preparing for the civil-service examinations in the time of the Pharaohs we begin to think that some one is joking. But I make this assertion in sober earnest, about which there can be no doubt. Lads in those days prepared for the learned professions just as they do now, and some of the pictures are strongly suggestive of "grammarians." It would seem, too, that the noble art of self-defense was included in the athletics, from the way Moses stood up to the boorish sheepherds and vanquished them. Games of various kinds were indulged in of which we have lost touch, but archery and wrestling stand prominently in the list, and the illustrations of such are numerous.

The alphabet acquired, which would generally be taught at home—probably by private tutors—the course of education could be determined by the choice of profession. To the educated classes there were the priesthood, the army and the civil service. These were the three great professions, and the subjects taught at the great centers of learning, like Heliopolis or Hermopolis, would include religion, astronomy and astrology; magic and the use of incantations; medicine, anatomy, the use of amulets and charms; history; probably one extra language; engineering, measurement, land surveying, construction, architecture, geometry; military exercises—all athletic sports were encouraged; arithmetic, said to have been revealed by Thoth; and law. The civil service was, perhaps, the widest profession, as it included the posts in the king's household, the office of taxes, and superintendence of public works. The chief butler and the chief baker in the time of Joseph would come under this head, and were probably men of refinement and education. There would also be under this head the record office, where a large number of men would be employed writing the national annals. The highest education, of course, was demanded for admission to the priesthood. Indeed, the training never stopped, and embraced almost everything. The priesthood had the pick of the men. Certainly next came the civil service. For the army requirements were not severe, more regard being paid to the military athletic exercises. The priests were not only the ministers of religion, they were doctors and magicians, and probably lawyers.

A most desirable post was to get into the royal household, in immediate attendance upon the king. Magicians were specially favored, hence the diligent study of magic. Perhaps some youthful readers would offer no objection to such a subject being introduced into our public schools, and would regard it as fine fun to cause walking-sticks to turn into serpents, and darts to grow out of cricket caps! One wonders what Egyptian Etonians were like; whether they were as mischievous and as boisterous as English lads; if so, what a time the masters must have had, and what floggings there must have been.

Wonderful stories are told of the magicians. I mean, of course, the masters of the art—a position I suppose every lad who had a taste for that subject aspired to win. "Is it true," said Kheops to one of these sorcerers, "that thou canst replace a head that has been cut off?" On his admission that he could do so, Pharaoh immediately proceeded to put his power to the test. "Bring me a prisoner, and let him be slain," commanded the king. The magician answered at this: "Nay, not a man, sire, my master; do not command that this sin should be committed; a fine animal will suffice." So a goose was brought, its head was cut off, and the body placed on the right side, and the head of the goose on the left side of the hall. He recited his incantation from the book of magic, and, lo! the goose began to hop forward, the head moved to meet the body, and when both united the goose began to cackle! The same process was gone through with a bull and a pelican. Many similar stories are told.

Moses, as the protege and the adopted son of a princess, would have within reach the whole range of education, which has been briefly described. His adopted mother, as a princess royal, would have her own estate, place and retinue of attendants. Probably she would be a patroness of one or more of the colleges, so the lad Moses would have every facility which wealth and influence could give. There is also the flush of genius, there is also the flush of the scholar, in the man who made Israel a nation and the first fighting power of his age. No man in all the world's history has done so much as Moses. As statesman, soldier, lawyer, historian, poet, the story which fascinates us as children retains its attraction and redoubles its force when we read it as men in the light of modern research. How much of his marvelous success is due to his education we cannot estimate. I venture to say that the palm of being the greatest man in the world's history must be awarded to Moses, a public school lad of the time when the Pharaohs ruled in Egypt, before the first mud huts were built in the valley of the Tiber, and when this country of ours "was not."—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Man in the Woodpile.

"I believe Clara is engaged."

"Why?"

"She has quit making tea, and is learning to make coffee."—Puck.

For Kidney Troubles.

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CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 15.

Open	High	Low	Close	Yester
Wheat	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Dec.	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
July	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Corn	33 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Dec.	33 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
July	34 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Pork	—	—	—	—
May	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
July	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Barley	—	—	—	—
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Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Nothing is stronger than aversion.—  
Wycherley.

A man dies as often as he loses his  
friends.—Bacon.

## BUY THEIR OWN MEDALS.

How Many Self-Constituted Heros  
Exploit Their Imaginary  
Merits.

It was a beautiful medal, and the jeweler to whose art and skill it owed its origin modestly admitted that much himself. A complimentary inscription on its surface informed the beholder that So and So had received the medal for distinguished bravery in saving life. A society with a peculiar name, wholly unfamiliar to me, was inscribed as that of the donor.

"Must be a heroic sort of chap, who-  
ever he is," I commented. "Queer. I  
don't know the name of the society  
which has recognized him so hand-  
somely."

The jeweler smiled sarcastically,  
shook his head, and deposited the gold-  
en tribute to valor in a plush case.

"Heroic!" he echoed. "Not a bit of it!"

The man whose swelling chest this trifles is designed to ornament probably never saved so much as a cat or a dog in his life, let alone valuable human beings, and the society which figures in the inscription as the giver does not exist except in his mind. To be plain with you, he had this medal made at his own expense merely to gratify his abnormal vanity, although the gratification is at the expense of his honesty, too. He is a young man well known in sporting circles, and already wears three similar medals for "heroism," which I made according to his directions. Very frankly he admitted to me when first he came to my shop that he was having the medals made for himself, and that he did so in order to obtain a certain deference from his belied fellow sports.

"No, there is nothing unique in the case of this self-constituted hero. I make medals every week or so for persons who think they deserve them, although the deeds and works which usually beget them are lacking, and who, therefore, do not hesitate to supply their own need.

Of course, the inscriptions on the medals invariably attribute the gift to other persons or associations more or less fictitious. They do not always buy themselves medals for life saving or kindred heroic deeds. Many professional gymnasts, trick performers and charlatans decorate their chests with medals so as to make it appear to amusement managers in particular, and the admiring public in general, that they are very superior persons indeed in their lines.

"Exhibiting expert marksmen seem to have a mania for buying themselves medals. Not long ago I received an order for half a dozen of different designs from one rifle shooter—an order which amounted to nearly \$300. Rather a good price to pay for a whim of vanity.

The purchaser candidly confessed that he wanted them for advertising purposes, and said that in the end the medals would more than pay for themselves. No man or woman in his profession, he said, could get along without medals. They impressed the managers and secured remunerative engagements. Besides, he continued, medals convinced the public of the marksman's skill, and if an expert could afford to have his chest covered from side to side and top to bottom he'd win a fortune every month.

"Among women, the professional dancers I have observed, are very susceptible to the self-presented medal. I have supplied a number with golden tributes to their skill and efficiency, which they have forestalled a no doubt anxious public in presenting. Next to dancers come the players of trick musical instruments in the music halls.

To no less than half a dozen of these performers have I sold self-given medals of value. This is a growing business in New York, and to several small manufacturing jewelers it is a matter of considerable profit every year."

—N. Y. Sun.

FLANNEL LORE.

It Is Something Which Many Women  
Are But Very Little Ac-  
quainted With.

The ignorance of women concerning

things which they have been using all

their lives is strange, and almost seems to

reflect upon their general intelli-

gence. There was a woman at the wool-

en underwear counter in one of the best

shops of the city the other day buying

underwear for children. She was ap-

parently a woman of the class one

would expect to see as a regular cus-

tomers in such a shop.

She must have been 40 or more, was

well dressed, a cultivated woman, ap-

parently intelligent if not intellectual,

but she was asking the clerk questions

which seemed strangely out of place

coming from a woman with a family.

She inquired carefully concerning the

quality of cotton garments, wool gar-

ments, and cotton and wool combined,

which would and which would not

shrink, and what the clerk was selling

for winter wear.

"I am selling these garments," he

said, referring to some at which she had

been looking, "for between season

wear." She gauged her purchases by

his answer.

There was a woman who, at the low-

est estimate, had been buying under-

wear for 20 years, and she did not know

what would and would not shrink, and

she did not know what weight gar-

ments to buy for the children until the

clerk told her what he was selling. It

might be possible in this case that this

individual woman was buying for chil-

dren not her own, and other excuses

might be given, but hers is not an un-

usual case. She repeated the questions

of probably three-quarters of the women

who bought goods of that clerk. It

might be well for women to devote a

little time to experiment with flannels,

and in a month they would learn some

valuable lessons which they would not

forget. There is a woman up town who

has a special flannel washing day, and

has all the woolen flannels that all the

members of the family wear washed in

warm soapsuds, rinsed thoroughly,

dried quickly in the house, and, when

nearly dry, the process completed with

not too hot iron. Those flannels never

shrink.—N. Y. Times.

SUGGESTIVE.

The Judge—Major, there's something really intoxicating about the young woman over there.

The Major—That's so. Must be the

corkscrew curls.—Philadelphia Times.

Doesn't Agree with Them.

Some men, when they become pros-

perous, become impudent.—Achison

Globe.

Mr. Hardin Norris, clerk of the drug

store of R. Shoemaker, Perry, Ill., says:

"A man came into our store the other

day and said, 'I want a bottle of that

stuff that saves children's lives. I read

in the news about it. The children

may get sick when we can not get the

doctor quick enough. It's the medicine

you sell for croup.' He alluded to

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and

bought a bottle before he left the store.

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Happiness is the natural flower of

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friends.—Bacon.

## FRILLS OF FASHION.

Notes on the Modes for Ladies Who  
Keep Up with the Times  
in Dress.

Velvet toques trimmed with fur and  
fur toques trimmed with velvet were  
equally popular for afternoon wear at  
the horse show. Sable, chinchilla and  
baby lamb are the furs most employed  
in millinery. The toque made entirely  
of fur has a rosette bow of colored  
velvet at one side or one of mouseline  
de sole, with two black ostrich tips. A  
bunch of velvet flowers is also very ef-  
fective. The velvet used for toques is  
covered with rows of stitching. Feather  
toques are novelty in Paris, and are  
trimmed with shaded wings.

Last season's fur caps are made very  
smart by sloping off the front edges to  
give the round shape so much sought  
after, and sewing a frill of chiffon or  
real lace on the inside edge. Ermine  
caps are especially pretty finished in  
this way, and cream lace with sable is  
always effective.

One of the special novelties in silks  
is a taffeta in various pretty bright col-  
ors, embroidered in white silk, with  
gold sticks and balls, horseshoes or  
footballs. It is a foregone conclusion  
that these are especially designed for  
shirt waists to be worn in the young  
girls' kingdom at the various sports.

Black satin cords made—not covered  
as a trimming to be used like braid  
are very effective in patterns or sewn  
on in straight rows quite close together.  
White satin cords are especially pretty  
sewn on white tulle and net for  
yokes, collars and vests.

If you want to use some real lace  
which has been stowed away in the  
tre



